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Communications Director's Message

The New APA Wiki is Here!

Yes, it's true! As many of you know, over the past year we have been working to develop a web-based tool to improve communication between APA members and help foster collaboration. Once again I'd like to thank Kadriye Lewis who assisted me with developing a web-based information technology needs assessment last summer. We discovered that SIG and Region Chairs were very interested in having a platform to share materials (e.g., documents, slidesets, weblinks, articles), collaborate on SIG



and Region-specific projects and have a forum for asynchronous discussions. This past spring, several SIGs piloted an earlier version of the APA wiki with their members. Thanks again to the following SIG Chairs for helping with this effort: John Olsson (Continuity Clinic), Shonna Yin (Health Literacy), Tamara Simon and Marta King (Hospital Medicine), Bob Jacobson (Evidence-Based Pediatrics) and Melissa Cellini (Academic Fellows). Enhancements were made based on feedback from the pilot. At the 2013 PAS meeting, I gave a brief demonstration of the wiki tool during the SIG and Region Chair luncheons. After receiving more feedback, working closely with our stellar APA staff, a few additional modifications were made. The wiki is now ready for prime time!

Some of you may be asking, "What is a wiki and why do I need one?" - great question! Check out the What is a Wiki? page on the new wiki for the answer and a link to wikipedia! For experienced wiki users out there, you'll realize our wiki platform does not have all the bells and whistles found in some of the commercial tools.

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If your SIG, Committee or Region already uses another tool, you may wish to continue to use your existing wiki platform (e.g., E-Learning in Medical Education SIG). Again, our goal was to meet the needs of the majority of current APA members. For those of you who are new wiki users, like me, we have developed stepwise instructions to guide you through the process of accessing the wiki, viewing your colleagues' postings, uploading documents and other materials and replying to posts. The illustration and brief instructions can also be found on the How to Use the APAWiki page. This page has information about wiki posting etiquette, or "wikiquette." Based on the feedback we received, APA members would love to see what their colleagues are doing in other SIGs, Regions and Committees. We hope that having access to all wiki pages will result in additional collaborative projects and networking opportunities! With this in mind, please remember to review your message and materials prior to posting. As you'll see, only the original poster is authorized to remove a post. The poster's name will appear with a hyperlink to his/her email so members can send a separate private response to the poster. Do not post any information on the wiki that you wouldn't want others to view. Again, anything posted on the wiki pages can be viewed by all APA members. Some of you may be wondering how you will know if postings are made on your group's wiki page. An email notification will be sent once per week to let SIG, Region and Committee members know a new post was made to your group's wiki. You will only receive these notifications if you have 'officially' joined a particular SIG, Region or Committee. Typically this occurs when you join the APA and renew your dues, but APA members can join these groups at any time.

To access the APA wiki, you can click on the new link on the APA homepage, you can go directly to the APA wiki homepage, or you can access the specific SIG, Region or Committee wiki on that group's webpage. You will then need your APA username and password. This is the same username and password for the APA Members Only access. You'll only need to log in once. If you forgot your username/password, there is a prompt to send you this information by email! All APA SIGs, Regions, and Committees now have a wiki. Over time, as we become more experienced wiki users, with feedback from all of you, we may want to make additional modifications to the tool. Mid-year we will formally collect feedback from SIG, Region and Committee Chairs. We welcome feedback from all APA members at any time. Please feel free to email me or Christen Brown (APA Staff) with any suggestions (or maybe you'd like to say, "I love the new wiki!"). Let Christen know if you are experiencing any technical issues.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and start wikiing (yep, people actually use this term in the wiki-world)!

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President's Message

Pediatric Hospital Medicine: The Value of Association

One of the great pleasures of my involvement with the APA Board has been the opportunity to get to know the various parts of our Association. One of the biggest changes in the structure of the clinical work associated with General Pediatrics over the past 3 decades has been the development of new areas of focused clinical practice, such as hospital medicine, emergency pediatrics and developmental and behavioral pediatrics. In each case, the APA has served as one of the crucibles for that discussion of how this would affect the academic discipline of General



Pediatrics. In the end, the new subspecialties and sub-disciplines have continued to be part of our Association, and we have been the better for it.



It is happening again with Pediatric Hospital Medicine, a field that barely existed when I was a resident. Judging from the energy I saw at the 10th Annual Pediatric Hospitalist Meeting, it is growing rapidly, and will be at the center of efforts to integrate child health practice with the emerging systems of care in the future. Our Association co-sponsors the meeting with the Society of Hospital Medicine and American Academy of Pediatrics, this year in New Orleans. There were more than 700 people in attendance, from all over the country, talking about clinical care, system organization, quality improvement, evidence-based medicine, child health policy and clinical teaching- all of the pillars of the APA. The pediatric hospitalists are engaged, and looking to keep working with the APA to develop the field.

What can the APA offer to the emerging field of Pediatric Hospital Medicine? We discussed that at a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, featuring the Presidents of the three sponsoring organizations. Tom McInerny of the AAP spoke of the remarkable growth of the field of hospital medicine and how it is changing the practice of pediatrics. Eric Howell of the SHM spoke of the need to engage medical students and residents in this exciting and evolving field, enlisting the assembled in the task of creating a career path for those entering medicine. I spoke of the need to support the development of Pediatric Hospital Medicine as an academic discipline, suggesting to this group of clinical teachers and innovators that the APA could serve as their academic home. I got to ask them 3 questions to elicit ways in which the APA could be helpful to their development as faculty, and got interesting responses:

- 1. Quality scholars: They want us to work to develop this program as quickly as possible, to help them develop their academic careers.
- 2. Speed mentoring: They want to engage in the process of speed mentoring at their next meeting, using the model that Jan Serwint introduced at the PAS meeting.
- Young Investigator Awards: They want us to think about ways to use the mechanism of the YIA to explore innovation in clinic care, aligning with the process of system change that they see in their hospitals.

Most importantly, they want to work with others within the APA to build a tradition of academic excellence into the core of their new discipline. Inspiring stuff.

What's this got to do with "our efforts to integrate child health practice with the emerging systems of care of the future" (see paragraph 2)? Everything. These folks are thinking about systems, and see hospital medicine as a way to use systems to improve the health of children. They want their academic focus to be on quality and system-level innovation, critical topics for those interested in improving health on both sides of the aisle. They are acutely aware of the ways in which child health systems are different than adult health systems, and will be our first to see the unintended consequences of applying change packages designed for adults to systems meant for children. As educators, researchers, innovators and advocates, pediatric hospitalists share our vision for the future of child health, and are eager to collaborate with us to make it happen.

The evolving field Pediatric Hospital Medicine has much to offer the APA. It is great to engage with our members and the Pediatric Hospitalist SIG in the process of forming a discipline with passion for to improve the lives of children and the rigor to make a difference. In the end, our Association will be the stronger for it.

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Past President's Message

Time for a New SIG!

Last week, Benard Dreyer sent me an article from the New York Times written by Harvey Fierstein, entitled "Russia's Anti-Gay Crackdown". Apparently, Vladimir Putin signed a law on July 3 banning the adoption of Russian-born children to gay couples, and also to any couple or single parent living in any country where marriage equality exists in any form. In June, he signed a bill classifying "homosexual propaganda" as pornography. According to this article, the law is broad and vague, and might allow arrest and fines for anyone who makes pro-gay statements deemed



accessible to someone underage, even if it may be a parent telling their child that homosexuality is normal. Mr. Putin also signed a law allowing police officers to arrest tourists and foreign nationals they suspect of being homosexual, lesbian or "pro-gay" and detain them for up to 14 days: just in time for the upcoming Olympic Games in Sochi. How will these new policies affect children, youth, and their parents?

Despite increasing public and political acceptance of gays and lesbians, the number of crimes against LGBTQ people in the United States in 2011 was the highest it has been since 1998, and these crimes disproportionately affect youth and young adults.

Marriage equality has expanded to Minnesota and California since the PAS meeting in May, making the total 13 states plus the District of Columbia. The Defense of Marriage Act was struck down in June by the Supreme Court with regard to legally married same sex couples. These are amazing achievements! Yet 31 of the remaining 37 states have state constitutional amendments which prohibit marriage equality. This situation creates a large number of issues for same sex couples and their children who live in or move to these non-equality states. For example, five years ago in celebration of our 20th anniversary, my life-partner and I had a fabulous Jewish wedding, with 180 guests, a marriage contract, a canopy, two rabbis and a rocking dance party afterward. "You're married now" our rabbi told us. Since then, we have felt married, yet Missouri, where we live, is one of the states with a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. We are currently working on understanding what it would mean to have a civil marriage in a marriage equality state even though we live in Missouri. Could we file joint federal taxes? Which benefits and protections would apply? What does this mean for couples like us who might wish to adopt children or provide foster care? What is best for children and youth?

I share these stories with you to bring focus to one of my presidential projects, the establishment of a new SIG which I am tentatively calling "LGBTQ Health and Well-being." (I welcome all naming suggestions. I think names are important, and I am not sure we have the best possible name yet.) By forming this SIG, the APA will be in good company. The American Academy of Pediatrics is forming a Provisional Section on LGBT Health and Wellness. The Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD) is forming a Pediatric Education Group (PEG) entitled LGBTQA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, questioning and allied persons.) I have spent the past weeks since PAS reflecting on the best way that the APA might provide a forum for discussion and constructive work on issues related to the health and well-being of LGBTQ individuals who may be children, youth, parents, health professional students, practitioners or teachers, and the SIG seems to be the most appropriate construct within the APA. I have also been consulting within the APA and with representatives from the AAP and the APPD, and all have encouraged me to move forward, and welcome the establishment of a SIG for LGBTQ issues in the APA.

I am putting the finishing touches on a formal application to the APA for the establishment of this SIG. Here are a few excerpts from the draft:

The purpose of this SIG is to provide a forum within the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) for members to share research at various stages of development, innovative teaching activities and ideas, and advocacy efforts in support of LGBTQ children, youth, parents, health professional students and members of health

professional faculties. The SIG may also contribute to the development of APA policy with respect to LGBTQ populations, and explore innovative models of health care delivery designed to address health and health care disparities and to promote the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning (LGBTQ) individuals. SIG activities may occur in the domains of research, education, policy, health care delivery and advocacy.

Specific goals include:

1. To promote research on LGBTQ issues.

Activities:

- a. Presentation of research ideas, preliminary data and/or completed projects at SIG meetings.
- b. Networking with other members to create collaborative research projects.
- c. Presentations by experts in the field at SIG meetings to stimulate thought and new ideas for research.
- 2. To promote education regarding LGBTQ health and well-being. Activities:
 - a. Develop a curriculum for residents regarding LGBTQ health and well-being.*
 - b. Develop educational content for SIG meeting.
 - c. Develop proposals for Workshops and other invited science at PAS.
 - d. Develop educational material for LGBTQ constituencies including parents and youth.
- 3. To develop innovations in health care delivery designed to improve care for members of the LGBTQ community, both parents and children. Activities:
 - a. Develop educational materials for present and future workforce.
 - b. Develop improvement strategies and activities for health care practice.
- 4. To advocate for policies that support and improve the health and well-being of LGBTQ individuals. Activities:
 - a. Develop APA policies.
 - b. Communicate with the Public Policy Committee to support relevant advocacy opportunities.
- 5. Promote safe and supportive work environments for LGBTQ trainees and health care providers.
 - * It is anticipated that the SIG will collaborate with the new Provisional Section on LGBT Health and Well Being in the American Academy of Pediatrics, the new LGBTQA Pediatric Education Group (PEG) in the APPD, the Public Policy Committee, relevant committees and SIGS of the APA, and other interested organizations in pursuing these goals.

All interested APA members are encouraged to join this proposed SIG. The SIG environment is intended to be safe and welcoming to all, regardless of sexual orientation.

There is a formal process within the APA for the establishment of new SIGs, and there are several steps that must occur before this proposed new SIG becomes a reality. One of the requirements to establish a new SIG is to provide the signatures of at least 20 APA members who would be interested in joining the SIG. At this time, I would love to hear from APA members who are or might be interested in joining this SIG. I would also like to hear what issues and priorities you think are most important to you, and which ones you might be interested in working on. As the draft proposal states, SIG membership would be open to all interested members of the APA. The environment is intended to be safe and welcoming to all. My email address is jaffe@kids.wustl.edu. I welcome any questions, suggestions, and, of course, expressions of interest in joining. Let's do it!!

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Secretary's Message

We had a fantastic meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies in the nation's capitol last May. It was wonderful to see so many friends from the APA at this gathering and our organization was well represented at the nation's capitol. At the PAS meeting in Washington, 1,162 APA members attended- more than half of our membership! The PAS set a record for attendance in 2013, with more than 8,400 total registrants (7,435 pediatric professionals) gathering in Washington D.C. This was the largest PAS meeting ever, topping the Boston meeting (2012) by 400 registrants. It is interesting to me that this convention offers so many great opportunities for trainees



and about 2,000 attended PAS in Washington (1,088 fellows, 520 residents and 207 medical students). The PAS meeting has grown in many areas and now attracts a larger international audience. In each of the last 2 years, 1,500 pediatric professionals from dozens of countries came to this meeting.

The PAS meeting is successful because of the incredible scientific presentations, fascinating research abstracts, great mix of posters and dynamic interactive workshops. Our APA members contribute greatly to the success of the meeting each year. Certainly, the APA had numerous exciting events in Washington. The most treasured highlight for me was our celebration of Marge Degnon and her many years of service as APA Executive Director. We wish her well in her retirement and we miss her dearly.

We are already well into the planning for the next PAS meeting in Vancouver from May 3 to May 6, 2014. Invited Science presentations (State of the Art Plenary Sessions, Mini-Courses, Hot Topics, and Topic Symposia) have just been chosen by the PAS Planning Committee and notifications will go out shortly. Submissions for workshops are currently being accepted, and the deadline is September 4, 2013. Of course, many APA members are working on research abstracts to be submitted this fall. We will be calling on our members again to serve as reviewers of the workshop proposals and scientific abstract submissions. This is a great way to get involved and is generally a valuable learning experience.

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. Try to think of a creative workshop for next year's PAS meeting while watching your favorite baseball team.

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Workshop Chair's Message

We had a great PAS meeting in May in DC and part of the credit for the success goes to the participation of our members in the workshop process. APA members were involved both in workshop review and as workshop leaders. Over 250 APA members participated in the workshop review process in the fall 2012. 90 workshops were presented at the meeting, many of which were led or co-led by APA members. The workshops were very well received and most were rated highly on their evaluations.



The call for workshops for the 2014 meeting in Vancouver went out in early July.

Workshop proposals are due September 4th, right after Labor Day! So, you still have time to get in a proposal now! Notifications will go out in early November. We are expecting many proposals as the last few years we have seen between 250-350 proposals per year.

Thank you in advance to those who are submitting proposals and to those who have signed up to review the proposals. Your hard work and dedication to the PAS meeting and the process is appreciated and goes to making the meeting a member-driven success.

Have a great end of summer and think workshops!

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APA New Members

Welcome to all of the new APA Members!

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Upcoming Conferences

Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum (PEEAC) 2013



Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum

3rd Biennial

PEEAC Meeting
October 4-5, 2013

PEEAC 2013 October 4- 5, 2013 Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel Arlington, VA Click here for more information Click here to register

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Quality Improvement 2014

4th Annual Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Healthcare Research

APA Conference for Pediatric Quality Improvement Methods, Research and Evaluation May 2nd, 2014, Vancouver, Canada

Quality Improvement 2014

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Pediatric Academic Society (PAS) 2014



Pediatric Academic Society 2014

May 3-6, 2014

Vancouver, Canada

Call for Workshops

Click Here To Submit Your Workshop Proposal

Deadline: September 4, 2013, 11:59PM EST

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Committees

Education

After our national meeting in May which was well attended, we have created an Executive Committee with leaders from the various activities of the Education Committee to ensure seamless communication. To understand the needs of the Education Committee membership better, we have created a very brief survey which will not take more than 5 minutes to complete. It will help us understand your collective interests and what areas we can focus on over the next few years. Please stay tuned for more on this...

I wanted to bring your attention to three important activities.

- 1. The PEEAC conference- Pediatric Educational Excellence Across the Continuum Conference October 4-5 in Virginia. If you are engaged in medical education at the UME GME or CME levels, this is an important conference to attend. Many discussions and skill building sessions occur at this meeting and most importantly it is an opportunity to network with like minded colleagues across the nation. I strongly encourage you to attend. For more details, http://www.peeac.org/
- 2. The PAS call for workshops has come out. The deadline for submission is September 4. Consider getting your work submitted, in collaboration with your peers. It is fun to collaborate and do creative things together in an area of common interest. Think of colleagues outside your own institution. For more information, go to http://www.academicpeds.org/pdf/Call for workshops2014.pdf
- 3. NEW!!! Announcing the APA Teaching Awards for Faculty Members

The APA Education Committee is pleased to announce two new Teaching Awards, one for junior faculty and one for mid-level faculty. These national awards have been created to recognize excellence in teaching and will be presented at the annual PAS meeting.

Excellence will be judged by assessing not only quantity of teaching activities but also quality of teaching and engagement in a broader education community. The nomination committee will use criteria drawn from the AAMC's Toolkit for Evaluating Educators to guide their assessment of candidates. For this inaugural year, the nomination committee is comprised of members of the task force who created the proposal for the awards (Dorene Balmer and Lindsey Lane-co-chairs, and Mike Bowman, Marta King, Chris Peltier, Dan Rauch, Nancy Spector) and the chair of the education committee, Latha Chandran. Maryellen Gusic, who served as the chair of the education committee when the awards were developed, will also serve on the selection committee.

Look for a call for nominations this fall with additional details about the submission packet. Although nominations from any APA member are welcome, the committee is particularly interested in working with APA Region Chairs to assist in identifying junior and mid&345;level faculty from each region who demonstrate excellence in teaching.

As we begin the 2013-2014 academic year, please consider nominating a worthy colleague for the 2014 APA Teaching Award, and join the Education Committee in supporting APA's rich tradition of acknowledging the accomplishments of its members and of rewarding excellence.

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Health Care Delivery

Quality Improvement Preconference as APA Core Activity

David Link has been appointed as the Health Care Delivery Committee member representative to the 2014 Quality Preconference Planning Committee. David has been involved in planning the conference since its inception and is a former co-chair of the Quality Improvement SIG. He will be responsible for joining the planning committee conference calls and reporting to the Health Care Delivery Executive Committee and APA Board on the Quality Preconference as a core activity of the APA. Planning for the 2014 conference is well underway and it promises to be another outstanding event. This conference is a must for all those who have an interest in quality care and quality research. Program Directors, Fellows and Residents should especially consider attending the Quality Improvement Preconference as an exceptional value added part of

their PAS experience. Trainees are entitled to a discounted registration fee. Watch for more news on speakers and topics in the coming months.

Task Force

The Health Care Delivery Committee Task Force is forming and will meet for the first time in August. There are several SIGS represented on the task force including Quality, Hospital Medicine, Family-Centered Care, Advocacy in Training, Complex Care, Race in Medicine and Teaching in Community Settings. The Task Force will review the objectives and mission statement of the committee, its activities, structure, function and agenda for 2013-2014.

The APA Wiki

APA wiki's is here! You can follow HCD activities and hopefully, activities of the HCD Task Force on the <u>HCD</u> <u>Committee wiki</u>.

HCD Award

It's not too early to start thinking about applying for the 2014 HCD Award. This award brings your program the national recognition it deserves and can provide the impetus for continued growth and recognition. The application process is simple and straightforward. The call for proposals is usually in November.

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Research

Greetings APA Members:

Hope you are enjoying the summer.

The Research Committee has had a busy few months since PAS as we gear up for the next round of Young Investigator Awards, Resident Investigator Awards, and Research in Academic Pediatrics Initiative on Diversity (RAPID) funding opportunities. The calls for proposals will be released in mid August, so stay tuned; this information will be shared on the APA list serve and also posted on the APA website with initial proposals due in mid October.

The Research Executive Committee meets monthly by conference call and includes representation from each of the APA regions. During these meetings, we have been excited to learn about the phenomenal successes and progress of the 3 APA sponsored research networks (BORN, CORNET, and PRIS). Over the summer, we also heard about the exciting work of recent Young Investigators, Deepa Sekhar (Penn State College of Medicine) and Anson Koshy (previously The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, currently University of Texas, Houston); both were funded by the Bright Futures Young Investigator program supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The Research Executive Committee is delighted to welcome four new members, Tanya Froehlich (Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and SDBP liaison), Kandyce Larson (AAP liaison), Sara Slovin (Nemours and Jefferson Medical College), and Darcy Thompson (University of Colorado). We also thank Bill Barbaresi (Children's Hospital Boston and SDBP liaison) for his many contributions as he rotates off the committee.

When the summer winds down and you begin to think about possible research abstract submissions for the 2014 Pediatric Academic Societies meeting, please note that this year you will have the option of designating two additional themes to describe your work: Qualitative Research and Rare Diseases (CTSA CC-CHOC

internal theme). As a reminder, it is to your advantage to identify both a subspecialty and a theme in order to have the abstract scored by two different review panels. These categories will be provided on the PAS abstract submission website.

Now before thinking about those PAS abstracts, enjoy the remainder of summer!

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Core Activities

Academic General Pediatrics

The APA's Fellowship Accreditation Program: 15 Fellowships Accredited

The APA's Fellowship Accreditation Program is now in its fifth year as an APA Core Activity.

As you know, the APA accredits academic general pediatric fellowship programs including fellowship training that focuses on health services research, hospital medicine, environmental health, clinical effectiveness research, and community pediatrics. In addition to accreditation, a consultation service is offered to those who want to start a fellowship program, or wish to have an evaluation and site visit prior to applying for accreditation.

The mission of the fellowship accreditation program is to strengthen training in academic generalist fellowships nationwide.

The following 15 fellowship programs have been accredited:

- 1. The Baylor College of Medicine's Academic General Pediatric Fellowship Training Program
- 2. The Cleveland Clinic Pediatric Hospitalist Fellowship Program
- 3. New York University's Academic General Pediatric Fellowship Program
- 4. University of California- Davis Primary Care Outcomes Research Fellowship
- 5. University of Rochester's Academic General Pediatric Fellowship Program
- 6. SUNY Academic General Pediatrics Fellowship Program at Stony Brook
- 7. The University of Pittsburgh Primary Care Physician Faculty Development Fellowship Program
- 8. The Children's National Medical Center's Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship
- 9. The John's Hopkins University Pediatric Primary Care Research Fellowship Program
- 10. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Academic General Pediatrics Fellowship
- 11. The Children's Hospital of Oklahoma General Academic Training Program
- 12. Cincinnati Children's Research Fellowship Program
- 13. Boston Children's Hospital General Pediatric Fellowship
- 14. Nemours Academic General Pediatric Obesity Fellowship
- 15. Baylor Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship

The Cincinnati, Boston, Nemours Academic General Pediatric Fellowships and Baylor Hospital Medicine Fellowship were accredited in 2013.

Applications will be accepted throughout the coming year. Helpful information concerning the accreditation

documents needed for an application can be found by going to our website www.academicpeds.org, click on the "Education" tab and scroll to "Fellowship Accreditation."

Interested in an academic general pediatric fellowship? Click on "Accredited fellowship programs" for a listing and direct links to the individual programs website. The fellow candidates can be assured that they will be applying to a fellowship training program that has an approved curriculum and program standards designed to enhance their education and success.

Please contact anyone on the Academic General Pediatric Accreditation Committee (AGPAC) if you have any questions.

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CORNET



Hope you all are keeping cool in these hot summer months! CORNET is excited to report on the following project developments:

CURRENT PROJECTS:

National Partnerships for Adolescent Immunization (NPAI)

CORNET has initiated recruitment phase for a national Quality Improvement project which focuses on enhancing adolescent immunization delivery through the implementation of quality improvement activities in primary care practices and pediatric resident training programs.

In the intervention stages of this project, participating practices will be asked to choose one of three

interventions to improve their HPV vaccine immunization rates. The selected strategy will be implemented in the practice for 12 months, during which faculty/resident/staff champions will participate in monthly conference calls.

Recruitment for this project began July 21st and will conclude shortly. We are currently collating interested programs, and ultimately twelve continuity sites will be chosen to participate. Interested sites will be asked to complete an assessment survey that outlines their clinical site specifics and QI activities to date. Following a review of these surveys, twelve practices will be selected and notified by early September 2013.

If you have not yet done so and your site is interested in participating, or you would like to learn more, please contact Nui, nui@academicpeds.org

Adolescent Immunization in the Medical Home (AIMHI)

We're published! From the aggregate data collected from the initial AIMHI survey we submitted a manuscript called *Increasing Adolescent Immunization Rates in Primary Care: Strategies Physicians Use and Would Consider Implementing.* Look for it Clinical Pediatrics Volume 52 Issue 8 August 2013 pp.706-716

In addition, data collection for all phases of this project is complete!! Thanks for all the hard work from the 12 CORNET sites that participated in this project. This was a collaborative project with a regional research network, Greater Rochester Practice Based Research (GR-PBRN), to help identify and implement best practices to enhance adolescent immunizations within medical homes. Data analysis is currently being conducted, so stay tuned for the results of this project. Thanks to the following CORNET practices and site champions who participated:

Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital -- Jan Drutz

Boston Children's/Combined Residency Program -- Ron Samuels

Children's Memorial Hospital / Northwestern University -- Sandy Sanguino and Bob Tanz

Nationwide Children's Hospital -- Judy Groner and Melissa Meyer

St. Louis University School of Medicine -- Susan Heaney

University of Arkansas Medical Sciences -- Shelly Baldwin

University of Florida -- Marilyn Dumont-Driscoll

University of Iowa Hospital -- Anita Moonjely

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University of Texas -- Houston -- Michelle Barratt

University of Washington Medical Center -- Jeff Wright

Wilmington Hospital Health Center -- Shirley Klein and Renee Kottenhahn

CORNET-PROS collaboration

The CORNET Executive Committee is working in collaboration with the PROS Steering Committee to advance study proposals for one of three potential topics:

- Mental Health Referrals- to study the outcomes of mental health referrals from primary care physicians
- Using EHR Effectively- to study whether the use of EHR can improve physician-patient communication and satisfaction
- WE CARE- to study pediatric-based interventions for addressing unmet basic social needs of families

This will be a joint effort between the two national research networks -- more developments to come!

Medical Home Curriculum

CORNET is in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)/National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) to assess and address the needs in the area of resident education related to the Medical Home. Two working groups have been formed to identify the most feasible and compelling components of the Medical Home curriculum for teaching, specifically in the subject areas of:

Renee Turchi, Jan Serwint, Nui Dhepyasuwan, Terry Hetzler and Michelle

Care Partnership Support - Esquivel

 Care Delivery Management- Amy Starmer, Aditee Narayan, Dana Bright, Lynn Garfunkel, and Angela Tobin

PUBLICATIONS:

A special thanks to CORNET members for participating in the survey for Pediatric Residency Integrated Survey of Mental Health in Primary Care (PRISM-PC). We are pleased to say that our hard work has paid off as our manuscript is being published. PRISM-PC's article called *Pediatric Residency Integrated Survey of Mental Health in Primary Care: A National CORNET Study* is tentatively scheduled for release in the November/December 2013 issue of Academic Pediatrics.

Additionally CORNET is looking into completing manuscripts from the Bright Futures Oral Health project and Resident Health Information Technology (RHIT). We will be developing working groups shortly.

Wishing you a happy and safe summer from all at the CORNET team!

Submitted by The CORNET Team

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Quality Improvement

APA holds successful conference to enhance quality improvement science in pediatrics; APA Board votes to make the conference a core APA program

A highly successful Academic Pediatric Association conference, the Third Annual Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Healthcare Research, was held on May 3, 2013, in conjunction with the 2013 PAS. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) provided support in response to a conference grant application submitted on behalf of APA by Rita Mangione-Smith and colleagues on the conference planning committee. The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai provided CME.

The conference had record attendance of 192 people. Lisa Simpson, President and CEO of AcademyHealth, provided the national policy context for quality improvement and QI research. Breakout sessions addressed such key QI research topics as cluster randomized trials, interrupted time series, advanced regression methods, quality measurement, statistical process control, and funding. For the first time, a competition was held for posters; 10 were selected and shown in a very interactive format. A lively closing panel presented the views of senior and more junior QI researchers on developing careers in QI research. Conference evaluations indicated how much attendees appreciated the meeting and want more such training. The full conference agenda and two conference bibliographies are available at

www.academicpeds.org/specialInterestGroups/sig_quality_improvement.cfm

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Regions

Region I

We hope that you have spent some time relaxing and enjoying the warm weather this summer. As fall approaches, we will be gearing up for our regional meeting in 2014. At our regional breakfast in Washington, DC this past May, we surveyed the region members in attendance to see what topics they wanted to hear represented at the meeting. The leading choices for workshop topics included community-based research, career development, and leadership skills. Suggestions for a keynote address centered around either childhood poverty or the impact of the Affordable Care Act on children, families, and pediatric providers. We will be sending out another needs assessment to all of the region members in the upcoming months so you still have a chance to voice your opinions about the next meeting.

The APA's Communication Director, Dr. Barry Solomon, has been making final modifications to the APA wiki. Our region will have its own wiki page. We want to hear from you about how you would like us to best use the wiki site. What information would you like to see shared on our wiki page? Please email us your suggestions so that we can get the wiki page up and running to best meet our members'l needs.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Region V

Greetings from Region V! Hope everyone is having a great summer.

Our next Regional Teleconference will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd from 12-1pm Eastern Time. Tara Williams, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, will be doing a lunch time webinar on Breastfeeding Medicine. Log in details will be forthcoming.

Plans are currently underway for our Annual Region V meeting in the Spring of 2014. This year's meeting will be held in Dayton, Ohio. For the first time, CME credit will be offered this year. One of the highlights of the Region V Annual Meeting is the Trainee Abstract Competition. This is a great opportunity to recognize the work of our medical students, residents and fellows. Look for more details regarding this in the Fall. We will need members to volunteer to be reviewers for this competition. Also, begin to discuss possible submissions with trainees at your institution.

We are looking for suggestions for topics and speakers for both the Annual Region V Meeting as well as the Regional Teleconferences. For those of you in the Central Time zone, we will try to schedule our next teleconference from 1-2 pm Eastern Time. If you would like to suggest a topic or speaker, please let us know.

Finally, be sure to start checking out the new Region V Wiki that is available to all members on the APA website. It is a great way to share ideas and materials, as well as keep informed on activities going on in our region.

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Region VI

Dear Members,

It is time to register for the APA Region VI FaII Regional Meeting on September 20th, 12-5pm. This will be held at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinic in Kansas City.

The meeting format will include an APA update by a national level APA representative, 3 presentations, poster session, lunch and refreshments. CME will be awarded for meeting attendance. A finalized meeting agenda will be sent out over the next 2 weeks.

Please proceed to the following website to register:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZW6QTNB

For those who are planning to attend the 46th Annual Clinical Advances in Pediatrics Symposium, Sept 17-20, 2013 at Children's Mercy, the registration for that event is available at www.childrensmercy.org/cmhn

During the Region VI Fall meeting in Kansas City, there will be an opportunity for trainees (students, residents and fellows) to display their posters during the regional meeting. The participants must have the support/mentorship of a Region VI member to participate.

Please refer your trainee to the following site to register (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZW6QTNB) for the poster session, meeting attendance and overnight accommodations, if necessary.

We are counting on you to inform your trainees of this opportunity. In order to arrange for space, time and food for all in attendance, we ask for a timely registration response of all attending the meeting, including the trainees.

Hope to see you in September!

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Special Interest Groups

E-Learning in Medical Education



Welcome to a new academic year in medical education! The SIG in medical education would like to support you in your endeavors to develop and use online e-learning tools for this coming year. Our focus this year for our SIG will be to develop a vibrant collaborative learning environment about the application of e-learning tools through shared experiences with their use. In order to facilitate this process, we would like to highlight 1) e-learning projects and resources that have been recently developed by fellow members and medical educators, 2) upcoming events (Webinars, Workshops, and Conferences) and tidbits of information related to venues that teach about e-Learning, and 3) opportunities in e-learning scholarship.

Upcoming Webinar Spotlight: "Online Schools and Children with Special Health and Educational Needs: Comparison with Performance in Traditional Schools"

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 12:00-1:00 pm (EST)

Presenters: Erik Black, Assistant Professor, College of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, College of Education, Educational Technology Program, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, Lindsay Thompson, School of Public Health and Human Performance, Department of Epidemiology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

This session will focus on K-12 virtual schooling and students with health care needs who were enrolled in state-led K-12 virtual schools in four southeastern US states. The presentation will describe the study results and will discuss the implications of the results for health care professionals, parents and children. The goals of the session are the following:

- Participants will gain a basic understanding of the present state of K-12 online schooling in the US and Worldwide.
- Participants will gain a basic understanding of the manner in which individuals with special health care needs are making use of K-12 online learning.
- Participants will recognize the role that can be assumed by health care professionals in offering guidance to parents and children seeking to participate in online learning programs.

Please RSVP at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CPGVZZW

A Closer Look at great resources about e-learning in medical education:

The 2013 WGEA meeting at the University of California at Irvine this year focused on the use of technology in medical education. Warren Wiechmann, who teaches a digital literacy course in medical education at the University of California- Irvine, spoke about GME in the era of digital medicine. The spectrum of presentations included discussion about the use of podcast storytelling to promote reflective practice to the instructional use of iPads in various clinical settings. For additional information about the use of technology in education, we suggest accessing Dr. Wiechmann's robust blog called Teachnology at http://teachnology.tumblr.com.

Medical programs across country are discovering the use of educational informatics in medical education. For an example of such a program, access Stanford's Anesthesia Informatics and Media Lab (AIM) at http://aim.stanford.edu.

There is also a growing list of e-Portfolio-related tools and technologies. The Electronic Portfolio Action and Communication (EPAC) provides a rich Wiki site with a wealth of information about e-portfolio related tools, webinars, and events. Check it out at http://epac.pbworks.com. For additional information about e-portfolios, visit the new issue of the International Journal of ePortfolio (IJeP), a double-blind, peer-reviewed, open access journal, at http://www.theijep.com/current.cfm

Opportunities for ePortfolio scholarship include *Assessment Update*, a bimonthly newsletter on trends in higher education assessment. Author guidelines are online at http://www.planning.iupui.edu/59.html.

New Publications in E-Learning:

We just wanted to share the following peer-reviewed scholarly articles relating to various aspects of elearning in medical education. We hope you will find these articles of interest, and that you will take the time to share them with colleagues who might also be interested in e-learning.

- Batthish, M., Bassilious, E., Schneider, R., Feldman, B. M., Hyman, A., & Shirley, M. L. (2013). A
 unique, interactive and web-based pediatric rheumatology teaching module: residents' perceptions.
 Pediatric Rheumatology, 11(1), 1-5.
- Medina, P., Santos, M., Monteiro, A. M., Corrêa, D. G., Filgueiras, T., Mizerkowski, M. D., Pedrosa F,
 Cavalcanti S, Just E, & Ribeiro, R. (2013). Interactive virtual seminars in pediatric radiology: Introducing new paradigms for medical education. Medical teacher, 35(6), 522-523.
- Matava. C.T., Rosen, D., Siu E., & Bould, D.M. (2013). E-learning among Canadian anesthesia residents: a survey of podcast use and content needs. BMC Med Educ, 13 (1).

Upcoming Conferences and Workshops - 2013

 6th world congress on social media, Mobile Apps and Internet/Web 2.0 in medicine and Public Health in London, England

Date: September 23-24, 2013

Website: http://www.medicine20congress.com/ocs/index.php/med/med2013

 19th Annual Sloan Consortium International Consortium International Conferences on Online Learning at Lake Buena Vista, FL

Date: November 20-22, 2013

Website: http://sloanconsortium.org/

12th conference on e-Learning ECEL-2013 at Sophia Antipolis, France

Date: October 30-31, 2013

Website: http://academic-conferences.org/ecel/ecel2013/ecel13-home.htm

eLearning2014 at Orlando, Florida

Date: February 15-18, 2014

Website: http://www.itcnetwork.org/elearning-conference/schedule-at-a-glance.html

Invitation for Webinar Proposals

Do you have a special topic that might be of interest to our e-Learning SIG? For consideration for the coming

webinars, please e-mail us a brief outline and summary of your topic and how it relates to the interests of SIG members

Invitation for Contribution to e-Learning SIG Newsletters and Webinar Proposals We sincerely invite all of the APA members to contribute to our newsletters with topics that might be of interest to our e-Learning SIG members. Also, if you are looking for opportunities to present or deliver your elearning initiatives, please send a brief outline and summary of your presentation topic. Feel free to contact Drs. Kadriye Lewis, Erik Black or Michal J. Cidon via the information below to discuss your ideas.

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Ethics

Dear Ethics SIG members,

We hope you are having a nice summer!

In this letter we would like to ask your opinion about the topics that you would like to be presented next year. Please let us know which topics in ethics you desire to be discussed by our speakers.

We would also like to announce our third APA Ethics SIG Essay Contest. Here is the official letter we will be sending to Pediatric Program Directors:

Dear Pediatric Residents and Fellows of all Subspecialties in Pediatrics,

We are pleased to announce the third APA Ethics Special Interest Group (SIG) Essay Contest.

The contest is open to all pediatric residents and pediatric subspecialty fellows (including pediatric surgical fellows). Essays should focus on the ethical issues that residents and fellows face while caring for patients. Topics may include but are not limited to personal narratives of ethical dilemmas faced in training or practice or scholarly presentations of issues related to organizational, inter-professional or global health ethics.

Essays should be between 800 to 1600 words. Essays longer than 1700 words will be disqualified without review. Essays must be original and unpublished works. If there are multiple authors, the award will be shared. All co-authors should provide demographic information (training status) and role in manuscript preparation.

Two awards will be offered: 1st Place - \$200 2nd Place - \$100 The winning essays will be read at the PAS meeting in Vancouver and will be published on the APA website as part of Ethics SIG newsletter in June 2014. If the resident or fellow will be attending PAS in Vancouver they may present their paper themselves.

Deadline: February 10, 2014

Submit essays to: zsalih@iupui.edu

We wish you all the best in your writings in ethics!

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Faculty Development

After a great session at the annual PAS meeting, we are getting ready to plan our next SIG meeting for the PAS Vancouver meeting. In the not too distant future, we will be sending the membership some suggested topics from which to select the focus of the meeting. In our May SIG meeting, members voted on likely topics and faculty development to teach faculty about systems to ensure good quality handovers and transitions of care to meet the new ACGME requirements. We can make this a topic of the next SIG meeting and add others if desired. Announcements will be sent out electronically as well as posted on the SIG web page. We just learned how to use (sort of) the new SIG wiki and will experiment with it as an added modality for communication and sharing of information. One potential idea for which we would like feedback, is developing a Best Practices page for folks to share/disseminate their successes in faculty development and to post the slides from the May SIG meeting. Stay tuned and watch for our needs assessment coming to a computer near you. In the meantime, engage your new faculty and stay cool.

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Hospital Medicine

American Board of Pediatrics National Pediatric Hospital Medicine Leaders Conference On April 4-5 a meeting sponsored by the Foundation of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) brought national leaders within the community and university PHM universe, including most of the members of the Joint Council of Pediatric Hospital Medicine (JCPHM), together with representatives of the ABP and other invited experts to discuss options and next steps in the potential recognition of PHM as a subspecialty credentialed by the ABP. An overview of this meeting was presented in the June newsletter. A summary of these deliberations has been posted on all PHM-society listservs and there is an ongoing conversation on the STP blog (STPcommittee.blogspot.com). Further, you are encouraged to submit questions to the JCPHM gmail account (jointcouncilPHM@gmail.com).

Currently, the JCPHM is seeking further commentary on these decisions via listservs, email, and blogs. Concurrently, JCPHM is engaging other key stakeholders in this process including leaders of our three core societies (AAP, APA and SHM), pediatric department chairs, and the community pediatric hospitalist community through several webinars. The APA PHM SIG Co-Chairs met with the APA Board during PAS and the Board was quite supportive in principle and will be prepared with a formal written response to ABP when that time comes. This will be discussed at a town hall meeting at the PHM 2013 conference in New Orleans.



APA Hospital Medicine SIG May 2013: Panel discussion for options and next steps in the potential recognition of PHM as a subspecialty credentialed by the ABP.

Next steps: Please stay tuned and engaged as this process moves forward. Do not hesitate to contact any of the SIG Co-Chairs with questions or email the JCPHM directly at: (iointcouncilPHM@gmail.com).



APA Hospital Medicine SIG May 2013: PRIS Executive Council Members recognize Dr. Tamara Simon (Seattle Children's Hospital) for her valuable contribution to the PRIS network.

Important dates to remember

Pediatric Education Excellence across the Continuum (PEEAC) Conference October 4-5, Arlington, VA

Please take advantage of these opportunities for personal and professional growth and to contribute to advancements in Pediatric Hospital Medicine.

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Medical Informatics and Electronic Health Records (EHR)

Greetings from the Medical Informatics and Electronic Health Record special interest group. This SIG is a wonderful forum for pediatricians with an interest in informatics and health policy to become actively engaged in discussions with colleagues.

This June, we elected several new SIG leaders:

Dr. Erika Abramson is a pediatrician health services researcher at Weill Cornell Medical College. She is a practicing hospitalist, the Associate Program Director for the pediatric residency program, and the co-director of the Quality and Medical Informatics fellowship at Cornell. Dr. Abramson's research focuses primarily on the use of electronic prescribing and its effects on prescribing safety. She is also actively involved in informatics-related quality and safety initiatives at Cornell.

Dr. Jane Hull is a pediatric hospitalist at Carilion Clinic Children's Hospital in Roanoke, VA. She serves on the

Clinical Informatics Committee and the Order Set Committee for Carilion Clinic. She helped with implementation of a new EHR in 2008 as a physician champion and super user of the system. She is attending a physician build class in October to enable her to further help her colleagues navigate the EHR. She is interested in using the EHR to improve quality of care in pediatrics.

Dr. Michelle Medina is a general pediatrician, in practice for the past 14 years. She has held administrative positions as a medical director of a rural health clinic and more recently as Vice-Chair of the Department of Community Pediatrics at Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. She is also the department quality officer. Integral to her work is facilitating the use of medical information technology to track quality measures, engage patients and improve office efficiency.

Dr. Srinivasan Suresh, a practicing pediatric emergency physician, is the Director of Emergency Medicine and Chief Medical Information Officer at Children's Hospital of Michigan-Detroit. He leads the clinical transformation team in troubleshooting the EHR at Children's Hospital of Michigan, and oversees the development of evidence based care models for common and key illnesses to further patient care and maximize reimbursement. His primary area of interest is mHealth (mobile health). He was instrumental in developing an iOS app for pediatric influenza and hopes to create similar solutions for various pediatric diseases.

Dr. Levon Utidjian is a clinical informatics fellow at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He spends his clinical time as pediatric hospitalist and urgent care attending, and serves as a member of CHOP's Clinical Informatics Council and Clinical Decision Support committee. His research interests include developing clinical decision support tools to improve inpatient care delivery and quality improvement work.

We are very excited to serve as your SIG leaders for the next 3 years. We would also like to extend a tremendous thank you to Dr. Emily Webber and Dr. Eric Shelov for their tremendous service as SIG leaders over the past three years.

As SIG chairs, our goal for the upcoming year is to provide a forum for APA members to discuss all aspects of pediatric medical informatics and present scholarly work. We will also work to create a platform through which training and career opportunities in clinical informatics can be made available to members, especially in light of clinical informatics becoming a board-certified specialty this year. Similarly, we will use this platform to broadcast some of the important journal articles and policy statements related to clinical informatics that are issued over the next three years. Lastly, we hope our SIG will provide a wonderful opportunity to network in this rapidly growing field.

If you have additional ideas or suggestions for this SIG, please feel free to reach out to any of the SIG leaders at the email addresses listed below.

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Announcements

APA WIKI

Check out the Communications Director report in this month's newsletter for full details!



All APA SIGs, Regions, and Committees now have an active wiki on the APA website! To access the APA wiki, click on the new link on the left side of the APA homepage, you can go directly to the APA wiki homepage, or you can access the specific SIG, Region or Committee wiki on that group's webpage. You will then need your APA username and password. This is the same username and password for the APA Members Only access. You'll only need to log in once. If you forgot your username/password, there is a prompt to send you this information by email! We have developed screenshots with stepwise instructions to guide you through the process of accessing the wiki, viewing your colleagues' postings, uploading documents and other materials and replying to posts. The illustration and brief instructions can also be found on the How to Use the APAWiki page. We hope you enjoy using the new wiki!

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Childhood Poverty Task Force

Colleagues,

We are writing to share the exciting developments of the APA Taskforce on Childhood Poverty. This effort, under the leadership of Benard Dreyer and Paul Chung, endeavors to address childhood poverty at its root through four arms: Health Care Delivery, Research, Public Policy and Advocacy and Education. The Child Poverty Education Subcommittee, under the leadership of Lisa Chamberlain and Melissa Klein, is committed to "Build a national curriculum to empower physicians to contribute to the elimination of childhood poverty and the alleviation of its effects."

The committee already boasts 37 energetic members, drawing from a wide range of institutions and bringing considerable expertise to the task at hand. During the initial conference calls there was a great exchange of ideas about how to engage learners, from medical students to pediatric residents and fellows, about childhood poverty and its impact on health. The committee is currently breaking up into workgroups to draft curricula around the four key components: 1) the epidemiology of US poverty, 2) the social determinants of health, 3) advocacy and leadership to address poverty, and 4) the pathophysiology of child poverty. We hope that the resulting curriculum will allow educators to teach the next generation of physicians who care for children about the centrality of poverty and their role in addressing it.

This exciting work is just getting underway - if you are interested in joining this endeavor please feel free to email Lisa Chamberlain at lchamberlain@stanford.edu.

Hope you and your families are enjoying the summer!

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Global Health Task Force

The Global Health Task Force has been invited to participate in a workshop and symposium convened by the International Pediatric Academic Leaders Association (IPALA) at the International Congress of Pediatrics in Melbourne, Australia (August 24-29, 2013). The Workshop and Symposium will focus on the pediatric perspective in relation to the Lancet Commission on Health Professional Education for the 21st Century. Dr. Mirzada Kurbasic will participate in the workshop on August 24 and Dr. Ruth Etzel will participate in the symposium on August 28. One of the themes from the Commission is the "global health professional".

International Congress of Pediatrics Melbourne, Australia

Workshop: Saturday August 24, 2013, 9:00 - 12:00

Title: Lancet Commission on Health Professionals for a New Century - Implications and Opportunities for Pediatricians

- 1. New Professionalism and Social Accountability
 - Dr. Haroon Saloojee
- 2. The Global Health Professional
 - Dr. Mirzada Kurbasic
- 3. Instructional Design: Competency-based Approaches and Team-Based Learning.
 - Dr. Kevin Forsyth
- 4. Institutions and Academic Systems
 - Dr. Robert Armstrong

Symposium: August 28th, 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Title: Transforming Health Professional Education. The Lancet Commission Challenge

to Pediatrics and Child Health

Chair: Dr. Peter Cooper

Keynote: Dr. Zulfigar Bhutta

Panel Members: Dr. Robert Armstrong

Dr. Ruth Etzel Dr. Kevin Forsythe Dr. Haroon Saloojee

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